

REMARKS

In a communication from the Examiner on April 25, 2005 the Examiner indicated that claims 1-20 were subject to a restriction requirement and also to a species election requirement. The Examiner put claims 1-16 into group I as being drawn to a spray nozzle and claims 17-20 in group II as drawn to a method of coating. The Examiner furthermore requested that the applicants elect a species either species I as shown in Figure 4 or species II as shown in Figure 5. The Examiner also stated that there were presently no generic claims in the application.

Applicants attorney had a conference call with the Examiner on May 24, 2005 regarding the referenced restriction requirement and election of species requirement. In this conversation it was acknowledged that the restriction requirement to groups I and II was a proper restriction requirement. Applicants attorney discussed claims 1-16 with the Examiner and the Examiner agreed that claims 1-10 were generic to both species I and II. The Examiner also agreed that dependent claims 11-16 were directed only to species II as shown in Figure 5. Despite acknowledging that there were several independent generic claims in the application the Examiner still insisted that Applicants elect a species. The Examiner stated that if species I were elected he would only examine claims 1-10, however, if species II were elected he would examine claims 1-16. Applicants attorney disagrees with the logic of the Examiner given that there are generic independent claims in the application as admitted by the Examiner, however, Applicants attorney confirms election of claims 1-16 as found in group I and election of species II which is covered by claims 1-16.

It is believed that this application now is in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.

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